

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 7, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 14-16 are hereby amended; claim 13 is hereby canceled; claims 31-35 are hereby added; and claims 1-12 and 17-30 are withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 14-16, and 31-35 are currently pending for consideration in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the election of Group II (claims 13-16); claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,953,094 to Matsuoka et al. (hereinafter "Matsuoka"); and claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuoka in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449 to Shin (hereinafter "Shin").

In the Office Action, claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuoka. By this amendment, Applicants cancel independent claim 13, amend claim 16 to be in independent form, and amend claims 14-15 to depend from claim 16. Independent claim 16 is allowable over Matsuoka in that it recites "a pixel electrode at least partially overlapped with and electrically connected to the drain electrode; and a passivation layer over a resultant substrate including the pixel electrode." Nothing in Matsuoka teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-15, as they depend from claim 16 are allowable over Matsuoka.

In the Office Action, claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuoka in view of Shin. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration. Claim 16 is allowable in that it recites "a pixel electrode at least partially overlapped with and electrically connected to the drain electrode; and a passivation layer over a resultant substrate including the pixel electrode." No combination of Matsuoka and Shin teaches at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is allowable over any combination of Matsuoka and Shin.


Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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